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MEMORANDUM FOR: [redacted] Executive Secretary  
Suggestion and Awards Committee

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SUBJECT : Employee Suggestion #75-438 [redacted]

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1. I would like to offer the following comments regarding OSR's and NPIC's review of the referenced suggestion. [redacted]

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2. OSR's Comments. [redacted] stated that "the likelihoods could be assigned more precisely if they were based on a history of actual equipment observations for known units." The probabilities are assigned based on actual observations, although the units are not always known. In fact, complete and totally equipped units are very rarely observed. [redacted]

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We do not believe that the development of the application, the software, and the documentation was job related. Also, the referenced decision by ORPA should not influence evaluation of this suggestion. There may be no similarity between the two applications and the levels of effort involved. And as you stated in your forwarding comments, ORPA may not have been aware of available awards. [redacted]

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3. NPIC's Comments. We don't believe the comment by [redacted] concerning the survey his Panel made and the level of awareness and utilization is germane to the evaluation of the suggestion itself. We have briefed a number of organizations on the program's utilization and its theory and utilization is fully described in "A Bayesian Approach to the Identification of Soviet Ground Forces," NPIC/R-04/76, April 1976. [redacted]

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We do not believe that an interim award is appropriate considering the length of time this evaluation has taken. However, we do agree that a 2:1 split in favor of [redacted] is warranted. We concur with the NPIC Panel's evaluation that the benefits accrued should be classified as "Substantial/General" and we believe that a cash award in the neighborhood of \$1,000 based on the "Substantial/General" benefit scale would be appropriate. [redacted]

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